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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JOE W. GRAY, COLIN COLLINS, SOO IN HWANG, TONY GODFREY, DAVID KOWEL, and JOHANNA ROMMENS

Examiner: N. Johnson

Application No.: **08/892,695**

Art Unit: 1642

Filed: **07/15/1997**

For: **GENES FROM THE 20Q13 AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.